

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19 with the following:

For example, consider what occurs when a system is operating in audio mode with a play-out buffer of 50ms and the system detects an answer tone and switches to a 200ms play-out buffer. At the receiving end there will be a gap in the signal of about 150ms. When the answering system encounters this gap it may assume that the answering system dropped off the line and it may drop off the line. It has been found that gaps even as small as 30 to 50ms can cause a significant drop in the call success rate of 10 to 20 percent with some client devices. It is noted that it may take a voice gateway in the ~~nationhood~~ neighborhood of 250 ms to detect an answer tone. Thus, the gap caused by switching from audio mode to VBD mode will normally occur after the calling machine begins receiving the answer tone. It is noted that if the gap had been in the beginning part (the first 50 to 100ms) of the answer tone, the gap would have little if any effect since the answering machine would not as yet have recognized the answer tone.